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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))	Attorney Docket No.	H055010.0035US1
	First Named Inventor or Application identifier	Darryl A. Bourgoyne
ADDRESS TO: Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Patent Application PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Title	METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RETURN OF DRILLING FLUID FROM A SEALED MARINE RISER TO A FLOATING DRILLING RIG WHILE DRILLING
	Express Mail No.	EV330686594US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17(*submit in duplicate*)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. *See 37 CFR 1.27.*
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages: 16]
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets: 11]
5. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages: 2]
 - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(*for continuation/divisional with No. 19 completed*)

[Note No. 6 below]

 - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the
prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if No. 5b is checked*)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the
oath or declaration is supplied under No. 5b, is considered as being part of
the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated
by reference therein.
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (*if
applicable, all necessary*)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy (CRF)
 - b. ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ paper
 - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies
8. ☒ Application Data Sheet. *See 37 CFR 1.76*

9. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or
Computer Program (*Appendix*)

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

10. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
11. ☒ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)
12. ☒ Power of Attorney
13. ☐ English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
14. ☐ Information Disclosure
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
☐ Copies of IDS Citations
15. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
16. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (*Itemized*)
17. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(*if foreign priority is claimed*)
18. ☐ Other: _____


19. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate blank and supply the requisite information:

- ☒ Continuation
☐ Divisional
☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No.: 09/911,295
 Prior Application Information:
 Examiner Hoang Dang Group Art Unit: 3672

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☒ Charge any additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 & 1.17
☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed: ☒ Check
☐ Money Order
☐ Credit Card
☐ Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. Basic Filing Fee

Large Fee Code	Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	\$770	2001	\$385	Utility Filing Fee	\$ 770.00
1002	\$340	2002	\$170	Design Filing Fee	\$
1003	\$530	2003	\$265	Plant Filing Fee	\$
1004	\$770	2004	\$385	Reissue Filing Fee	\$
1005	\$160	2005	\$ 80	Provisional Filing Fee	\$
Subtotal (1)					\$ 770.00

2. Extra Claim Fees

Claims	Extra	Fee (below)	Fee Paid
Total	20 - 20** = 0	x \$	= \$
Indep.	4 - 3** = 1	x \$ 86	= \$ 86.00
Multiple Dependent			\$

**or number previously paid, if greater.

For Reissues, see below

Large Entity Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description
\$ 18	\$ 9	Claims in excess of 20
\$ 86	\$ 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
\$ 290	\$ 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
\$ 86	\$ 43	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
\$ 18	\$ 9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
Subtotal (2)		\$ 86.00

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. Additional Fees

Large Fee Code	Large Entity	Small Fee Code	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	\$ 130	2051	\$ 65	Surcharge - late fee or oath	\$
1052	\$ 50	2052	\$ 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	\$
1812	\$2,520	1812	\$2,520	Request for Reexamination	\$
1804	\$920*	1804	\$920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	\$
1805	\$1840*	1805	\$1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	\$
1251	\$ 110	2251	\$ 55	Extension for reply within first month	\$
1252	\$ 420	2252	\$ 210	Extension for reply within second month	\$
1253	\$ 950	2253	\$ 475	Extension for reply within third month	\$
1254	\$1,480	2254	\$ 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	\$
1255	\$2,010	2255	\$1,050	Extension for reply within fifth month	\$
1401	\$ 330	2401	\$ 165	Notice of Appeal	\$
1402	\$ 330	2402	\$ 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	\$
1403	\$ 290	2403	\$ 145	Request for oral hearing	\$
1452	\$ 110	2452	\$ 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	\$
1453	\$1,330	2453	\$ 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	\$
1501	\$1,330	2501	\$ 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	\$
1502	\$ 480	2502	\$ 240	Design issue fee	\$
1503	\$ 640	2503	\$ 320	Plant issue fee	\$
1460	\$ 130	1460	\$ 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	\$
1807	\$ 50	1807	\$ 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	\$
1806	\$ 180	1806	\$ 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	\$
8021	\$ 40	8021	\$ 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	\$
1809	\$ 770	2809	\$ 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	\$
1801	\$ 770	2801	\$ 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	\$
1802	\$ 900	1802	\$ 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	\$

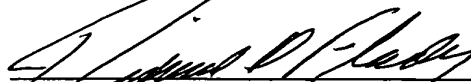
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WHILE DRILLING	§	

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- (6) Power of Attorney by Assignee;
- (7) 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement;
- (8) Firm Check for \$856.00; and
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